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YUGOSLAV WOOD CONSUMPTION EXCESSIVE; SAWMILL GFTS NEW DRYER

ANNUAL CONSUMPTION GREATER THAN ACCRETION -- Belgrade, Nedeline Informativne Novine, 20 May 51

Wood consumption in Yugoslavia is very great because of the rebuilding of war-damaged buildings, the industrialization and electrification of Yugoslavia, and the predominantly rural population which, with few exceptions, uses firewood for heating Most of the mountain population still use open fireplaces which consume huge quantities of wood

Mountain households consume about 8,414,500 cubic meters of firewood annually; the other rural households, which use enclosed heating units, use 4,651,500 cubic meters, and city households use 1,535,800 cubic meters of wood

To these figures must be added the wood consumption of various establishments, industries, mills, lime kilns, brick kilns, etc., which use about 1,460,000 cubic meters annually

These figures show that the annual consumption of firewood is 10 percent higher than the annual forest accretion. The highest consumption of firewood is in Serbia, where it is twice as great as the annual accretion

BEGIN LARGE LOGGING OPERATION -- Belgrade, Borba, 20 May 51

Banja Luka, 19 May -- A large logging operation was recently begun in Snjegotina on Ruska Rijeka Mountain, where about 400,000 cubic meters of beech, fir, and maple of the best quality are located. Scarcely any of this forest has been cut.

Ten kilometers of forest railroad, which will connect with the main line of the Poboj-Banja Luka railroad, are under construction in Snjegotina

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MODERN DRYER BEING COMPLETED -- Belgrade, Borba, & Jun 51

Sanski Most, 3 June -- Work is nearing completion on a modern dryer for the "Sana" Sawmill, one of the largest sawmills in Yugoslavia. The "Ventilator" Factory in Zagreb produced the equipment for the dryer almost entirely of domestic materials

The new dryer is especially important because it will improve considerably the quality of the lumber and speed its preparation for export

LIMBERMEN TO SE TRIED . - Belgrade, Borba, 11 Jun 51

A group of 11 officials of various enterprises of the lumber industry in Boshia-Heriegovina are to be tried on 12 June for speculating in lumber building materials, rausing more than a million dinars' loss to the Yugoslav economy

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